

IC 33-39-4

Chapter 4. Appointment of Investigators and Jurisdiction to Investigate

IC 33-39-4-1

Duties; bond; salary

Sec. 1. (a) The prosecuting attorney of any judicial circuit of Indiana may appoint one (1) or more investigators with the approval of the county council or councils. An investigator appointed under this section:

- (1) works under the direction of the prosecuting attorney; and
- (2) may conduct investigations and assist in collecting and assembling evidence that, in the judgment of the prosecuting attorney, may be necessary for the successful prosecution of any of the criminal offenders of the judicial circuit.

(b) An investigator appointed under this section shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and has the same police powers within the county authorized by law to all police officers.

(c) In each judicial circuit the salary or other compensation to be paid an investigator appointed under this section shall be set by the county council or councils. A county council or councils may not reduce the number of investigators or compensation of any investigator without approval of the prosecuting attorney.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.18.

IC 33-39-4-2

Jurisdiction to investigate; county where offense discovered; modified by agreement

Sec. 2. (a) If the place of trial for commission of an offense, as determined under IC 35-32-2-1, would potentially require a choice between or among counties, the coroner and law enforcement officers of the county where the offense is discovered have jurisdiction to investigate the offense.

(b) This section may be modified by agreement between or among the prosecuting attorneys of the counties involved.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.18.